

# **Niche Kintype Appreciation Challenge: Centipede (WIP)**

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## **Content Warnings:**

- Discussion of species dysphoria.
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This is a compilation of a series of posts on my tumblr, following the niche kintype appreciation challenge prompts! Currently only up to day 16 is published, but we've been busy and dealing with a lot so this will go up as it is now, and be edited later if I do complete the rest of it.

## **Day 1: Introduce your kintype.**

Hello! Going to quickly note that for this challenge, we will be adding (type) to the end of "kin" because that's the language we use. Also, I might queue some in advance because while this is meant to be a daily challenge, I'm disabled and need to do that sort of thing to keep up.

Anyway--we're a centipede therian. We're not any particular type of centipede as far as we know, but that might change once we dig deeper into it. I feel more connected to larger centipedes, but I haven't come across one I don't feel is still *me*, though.

Who knows, maybe this challenge will help us figure it out? It's a newly discovered 'type, so we're hoping we'll learn more through doing this.

## **Day 2: Make a playlist for your kintype.**

It's so hard to find songs that are even vaguely the vibe. Hopefully I can add more to this later, I desperately need more centipede-vibed (or bug/insect/etc) songs. I'm also open to suggestions perchance...

[Spotify link!](#)

## Day 3: Share 5 fun facts about your kintype.

Centipede facts let's gooo.

1. Centipedes only have one pair of legs per segment, while millipedes have two.
2. Scolopendra gigantea, or the Amazonian Giant Centipede, is the largest centipede in the world, and can be over 30cm long. It's able to eat small mammals!
3. Centipedes always have an odd number of body segments. Which means that having 50 segments aka 100 legs or 100 segments is impossible.
4. Depending on species, centipedes can live upwards of 6 years.
5. Centipede mothers care for their eggs by curling around them and cleaning them one by one to protect from mold and maintain the right humidity. They will also do this for a while once the eggs hatch! This means that the mother will stay curled around her eggs from hatching until they're ready to be on their own.

## Day 4: Do a photodump for your kintype.

BUG TIME. Centipedes really don't get enough love. They're so colourful and diverse. Look at these guys.





[Image 1](#) - [Image 2](#) - [Image 3](#) - [Image 4](#) - [Image 5](#) - [Image 6](#) - [Image 7](#)

## Day 5: Assign colours to your kintype.

Okay, so once again I have no idea what specific type of centipede my kintype is, or if I'm just Every Centipede. But, that being said, here's some colours I associate with em.



(Yes, they're arranged like that deliberately.)

## Day 6: Share about this kintypes hearthome.

I'm not entirely sure what to make of this question. I don't have a hearthome really and they're not necessary to be otherkin! But I assume this q refers to habitat? So I'll put some nice pics here.

Centipedes usually like dark and humid spaces to slip into and hide, so have some random homey looking places.





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## Day 7: Share your favourite aspects of your kintype.

The sheer amount of legs, by far. I'm a shapeshifter in-system, and my favourite thing to do has always been to give myself extra limbs. The more legs, the more limbs to hug someone with, yeah? It's a bonus that they come with a long body for maximum cuddling power.

## Day 8: Write a poem or drabble.

Centipede:

Autumn hue adorned

Silent, safe in damp timber

Anxious beast awaits

## Day 9: Create a moodboard.

We haven't made a moodboard in a while--here we go!



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## Day 10: Share a piece of media that relates to/reminds you of your kintype.

Jujutsu Kaisen, specifically because my fictotype (Mahito) is from that source, and he essentially shapeshifts into basically anything. Which, through seeing him shift and change so much, led me to go... But what if he perhaps... Made his body more centipedelike? He already made other things *sort of* look centipede-shaped so it kind of just.. All clicks together in my brain as one thing.

## Day 11: Share how you discovered this kintype.

My awakening as a centipede was actually spurred on by me discovering another kintype of mine--Mahito from Jujutsu Kaisen, as mentioned in my previous post.

Also as mentioned, Mahito is a shapeshifter, essentially. He shapeshifts into so many shapes and adds so many features to himself throughout the show, and he also changes the forms of other things--but at one point, he changed the shape of something into a long snakelike shape with spikes coming out of either side of it, and I guess my mind just went "that's kind of like a centipede. kind of like me!" and from that point it all fell into place.

I'm already arthropodhearted, and upon looking further into centipedes and what they're like... It resonated so hard. I didn't feel like a piece of me was missing before I discovered the theriotype, but I know now that if I suddenly didn't feel that connection, it really would feel like losing a large chunk of what is *me*.

**Day 12: Badly make a minimalist drawing of your kintype.**



We're.. decidedly not the best at minimalism! We're very "this needs more detail.." with our art. But I tried!

This isn't any centipede in particular, it's just a centipede.

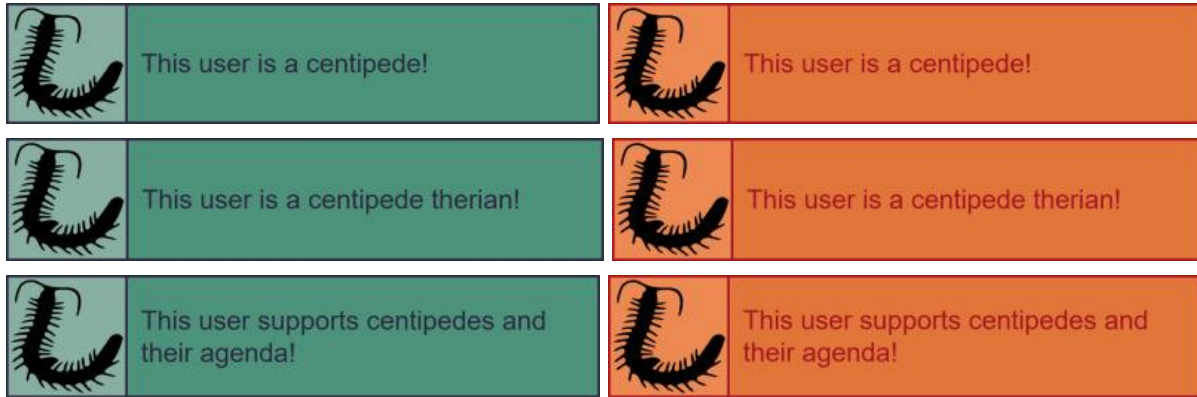
**Day 13: Assign your kintype a food, hobby or genre.**

I think centipedes should be able to knit or something. There's so many little feets to do it with... Use them all like knitting needles. Several projects at once!



## Day 14: Create a PFP or userbox set for your kintype.

I've made some centipede userboxes! Free to use, have fun!



## Day 15: Assign your kintype an aesthetic and rant about why.

Honestly? The aesthetics surrounding autumn in general. Crunchy brown leaves, damp air, stacks of firewood, weather getting cooler but not too cold--it's a vibe I associate with being homey partially due to my centipede theriotype. I already want to live under a log, autumn weather and all the wonderful browns and oranges just make that feeling stronger.

## Day 16: Write affirmations for this kintype.

Centipede therians, otherkin, extranthropes, and alterhumans in general--you're wonderful.

Centipedes, your legs are awesome, having more than most other animals have just means you have extra limbs to do extra things with. Your colours are stunning as usual.

Centipede-hearteds, you're amazing. You have a unique hearttype and no matter what others say or think, they can't take that connection from you.

There's nothing wrong with being a centipede. There's nothing wrong with liking centipedes. There's nothing wrong with centipedes in general. Bugs get too much hate, but those with bug-related alterhuman identities are out there and they'll accept you with open arms. And their other arms. And their *other* other arms. And their other ar-